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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. PER PARA 8, MOSCOW 9368, YOUR COMMENTS ON SOVIET JUNE 4 NOTE ON CIVIL AVIATION WOULD BE APPRECIATED. THE SOVIETS HAVE BEGUN TO INQUIRE ABOUT OUR REPLY. WE BELIEVE AN EARLY RESPONSE WOULD FORESTALL ANY SOVIET HIGH LEVEL POLITICAL APPROACH, ALLEGING THAT WE HAVE NOT RESPONDED TO THEIR "INVITATION" FOR RESUMING TALKS.

2. AMBASSADOR BARNES IS PUSHING THE IDEA OF SEEKING LEGISLATION TO MAKE ALL CITIZENS OF JACKSON-VANIK MFN COUNTRIES (I.E., ROMANIA) WHO CANNOT QUALIFY FOR PREFERENCE IMMIGRANT VISAS ELIGIBLE FOR SPECIAL IMMIGRANT VISAS. IN OTHER WORDS, HE WOULD EXEMPT ROMANIANS FROM SECTION 212(A)(14) FOR IMMIGRANT VISAS. WE ARE RESISTING, MAINLY ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE LEGISLATION WOULD PUT US IN THE

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POSITION OF ACCORDING BETTER TREATMENT TO ROMANIAN EMIGRANTS THAN SOVIET EMIGRANTS.

3. WE HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING THE IMMUNITY LEGISLATION. THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION OF IT IN OUR TRAFFIC WITH YOU ABOUT THE CONSULAR REVIEW. THE LEGISLATION AS PASSED THE HOUSE

CONTAINS AS SECTION 4 THE FOLLOWING: QUOTE THE PRESIDENT MAY, ON THE BASIS OF RECIPROCITY AND UNDER SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS HE MAY DETERMINE, SPECIFY PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES FOR MEMBERS OF THE MISSION, THEIR FAMILIES, AND THE DIPLOMATIC COURIERS OF ANY SENDING STATE WHICH RESULT IN MORE FAVORABLE TREATMENT OR LESS FAVORABLE TREATMENT THAN IS PROVIDED UNDER THE VIENNA CONVENTION. END QUOTE. WE ARE TOLD THIS OFFERS THE POSSIBILITY OF AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES TO PROVIDE FULL IMMUNITIES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL. AS INDICATED IN THE CONSULAR REVIEW TRAFFIC THE 1967/68 EXCHANGE CONTAINS AN IMBALANCE IN OUR FAVOR WITH REGARD TO DEPENDENTS.

4. AS PART OF THE REACTION TO THE AMBASSADOR'S EXCHANGE OF LETTERS WITH THE SECRETARY, A MEETING TO DISCUSS RECRUITING AND TRAINING WAS HELD YESTERDAY WITH PER, M, FSI, BEX AND SOV. THE FOLLOWING HOLD PROMISE. WE HAVE ONE OVERCOMPLEMENT TRAINEE STARTING FSI. WE CAN HAVE ANOTHER IF WE CAN FIND A GOOD CANDIDATE IN THE NEXT A-100 CLASS WITH ENOUGH RUSSIAN TO INSERT IN THE LANGUAGE COURSE MID TERM. THIS WOULD GIVE YOU TWO OFFICERS ON THE BENCH IN SUMMER 78 FOR SUDDEN VACANCIES, OR THREE OFFICERS, WITH DJERJIAN, IN TWO YEAR TRAINING CYCLE. ONE POSSIBILITY IS TO ASSIGN THREE OFFICERS TO TWO POSITIONS AND LET TWO OF THEM DO SIX MONTH STINTS AS EX-CONFIDENTIAL

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HIBIT GUIDES. HOUSING COULD BE A PROBLEM.

5. WE CAN ALSO GET UNIVERSITY TRAINING HERE--LIKE WOLFE IS CURRENTLY DOING IN ECONOMICS--TO MEET FUTURE SPECIALIZED NEEDS YOU IDENTIFY FOR US. WE COULD BE THINKING ABOUT RECYCLABLE OFFICERS NOW AT POST AS WELL AS VETERANS WE WOULD LIKE TO BRING BACK. FSI IS ALSO PREPARED TO SPRING FOR A TRAINEE AT LENINGRAD OR MGU AND JIM FRITH ASKS IF YOU CAN PRESS THE SOVIETS FOR A PLACE IN THE FALL OF 78. FRITH IS THINKING OF 3-4 MONTHS BUT WE COULD PROBABLY EUCHRE OUT AN ACADEMIC YEAR. AFTER ONE MORE TRY WITH THE SOVIETS, PERHAPS WE SHOULD TRY THE IREX ROUTE.

6. ON RECRUITMENT, A GLEAM IN OUR EYE IS TO TAP ONE OR BOTH OF THE FINE INTERNS WE HAVE THIS SUMMER--THE HARVARD ONE FROM A RUSSIAN SPEAKING FAMILY--AND GIVE BEX A WORD WHEN THEIR ORALS COME UP. IF THAT WORKS, WE COULD TRY FOR A SYSTEM OF PICKING OUR SUMMER INTERNS FROM THE BEST THE RUSSIAN STUDY CENTERS CAN SEND US. WE WOULD THEN BE AS CLOSE TO THE WOMB OF OUR SUCCESSORS AS GOOD MORALS ALLOW.

7. COULD YOU SEND ME A CLIP OF THE LITGAZ PIECE
ATTACKING JERRY SCHECTER? VANCE

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